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Mexico Modifies NOM-182 on Labeling of Vegetable Nutrients

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Report Highlights:

The Mexican Ministry of Health published in the Federal Registry (Diario Oficial) on April 21, 2011, the replies to comments received regarding the amendment establishing NOM -182-SSA1-2010 guidelines for labeling of products with vegetable nutrients as the Mexican Official Standard.

Vegetable nutrients are subject to close scrutiny on behalf of many Mexican governmental agencies in order to guarantee that consumers receive quality products. Additionally, these measures are put in place to ensure prevention of potential health risks to the general public as well to animal and plant safety.

General Information:

On July 21, 2010, a change was published by the Ministry of Health in the Federal Registry (Diario Oficial) to the norm regulating labels of products containing vegetable nutrients PROY-NOM-182-SSA1-2009, making modifications to NOM-182-SSA1-1998. The seventy day period was opened to comments regarding the changes and to which all comments were posted and can be found in <http://www.dof.gob.mx>, the website for the Federal Registry of Mexico (Diario Oficial). Complying with all its processes and regulations, the Committee for Regulations and Sanitary Controls (Comité Consultivo Nacional de Normalización de Regulación y Fomento Sanitario) has established standard NOM-182-SSA1-2010, Labeling of vegetable nutrients, as the most current, and up to date norm to be followed.

Vegetable nutrients are subject to close scrutiny on behalf of many governmental agencies in order to guarantee that consumers receive quality products. Additionally, these measures are put in place to insure prevention of potential health risks to the general public, as well to animal and plant safety. Being that labels are an integral part of said scrutiny, this norm establishes the requirements that must be met in order to facilitate the governing agencies' ability to monitor closely vegetable nutrients in the market.

This norm clearly delineates all characteristics and specifications that are required on labels as they refer to vegetable nutrients except those pertinent to regulators of type 3 growth which are subject to norms established separately for agricultural pesticides.

NOM -182-SSA1-2010 is supported by or substitutes the following:

NOM-008-SCFI-2002

NOM-045-SSA1-1993, Pesticides

NOM-077-FITO-2000

General Characteristics of the labels include:

- Guidelines for all graphics, logos and texts
- Units of measure should comply with the generally accepted units of measure as specified by NOM-008-SCFI-2002
- Products for use in Mexico should be in Spanish
- Additional information on labels should include a) information about the product, b) safety measure for handling or use and c) recommendations for product use
- Texts pertinent to the environment should be included if necessary

Additional guidelines and complete specifications can be found (in Spanish) at:

http://dof.gob.mx/busqueda_detalle.php?textobusqueda=NOM+-182-SSA1-2010+&viene de=

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Mexico's equivalent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx, equivalent to the U.S. Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.economia.gob.mx and equivalent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (SALUD) can be found at www.salud.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with, the information contained on the mentioned sites.